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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re/ Application of Yong Mi Choi-Sledeski et al. U.S. Application No. 09/918,039 Filed July 30, 2001 Confirmation No. 3370

Sulfonic Acid or Sulfonylamino –(heteroaralkyl)-azaheterocyclylamide Compounds

(Atty. Docket No. P24,540-E US1)

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Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
To Examiner's Action Dated January 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2003, having a shortened period of response expiring on April 24, 2003. The applicant submits for consideration the following amendments to the pending claims which the application

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believes further defines the invention and places the application in condition for allowance. The claim amendments are reflected in the "Listing of Claims," which begins on page 3 of this paper.